Fake Currency in Mount Carmel School

†691. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Principal of Mount Carmel School, Anand Niketan, in South-West Delhi had registered a complaint in R.K. Puram Police Station regarding fake currency notes deposited by a child while paying school fees;

(b) whether it is a fact that no action was taken on the complaint registered by the Principal due to pressure of Home Ministry;

(c) if not, what action has so far been taken on the above complaint; and

(d) the details of fake currency notes recovered from other parts of the country and the persons arrested so far during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir. However, the deposit was made by the father of the child.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A case FIR under section 489-B IPC was registered at R.K. Puram Police Station on the same day the complaint was received and taken up for investigation.

(d) The detalls of the fake currecny notes seized from various parts of the country during the last two years and number of persons involved in these cases is given in the Annexure. [Refer to the Annexure No. 21 appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question No. 684(c)]

Exchange of Militants for Hijacked Passengers

692. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he said that the swapping of three militants for hijacked passengers caused "some damage" to the nation; and

(b) if so, how does it affect the Bharatiya Janata Party and not the nation?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) What the Home Minister said was: Government's decision was aimed at saving the precious lives of the over 150 passengers and crew aboard the hijacked plane and so was in national interest, even though the decision may caused some damage to the image of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Gujarat Waves Ban on RSS

693. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI S. RAMA CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Gujarat State Government's recent withdrawal of the ban on its employees joining the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Hon'ble President of India has sought clarification from Central Government over the State Government's order; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Gujarat vide their Order dated 3.1.2000 have lifted the ban on their State Government employees from participating in the activities of RSS.

In terms of entry No. 41 under "List II-State List' of the VII Schedule to the Constitution of India, State public Services are within the exclusive purview of the respective State Governments. Further, Article 309 of the Constitution lays down that the Governor of State shall be the competent authority to make rules regulating the conditions of service of persons appointed to posts/services in connection with the affairs of the respective State. Accordingly, it is for the State Governments to formulate their own policies in regard to service matters under their administrative control.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. the Hon'ble President has been appraised of the Government's stand on this issue.